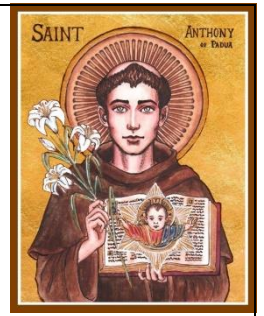


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 14th March 2021 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Laetare Sunday

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as 'Rejoicing Sunday' (*Laetare* in Latin) and takes its name from the first word in the mass' entrance antiphon. It's one of only two days in the year that the liturgical colour is rose. It's roughly the halfway point of Lent and serves to remind us that while it is a penitential season, Lent is also a time of great joy, knowing that every suffering and longing that we face has already found its answer and victory in the Easter Mystery. Our friendship with the Risen Lord is truly worth rejoicing.

Parish Penitential Service

Our Parish's annual Lenten Prayer Service (Second Rite of Reconciliation) is this Thursday, 7pm at Corio. Visiting priests will also be available to hear confessions. It is a beautiful opportunity to gather and prepare together for Easter.

Solemnities this Week

This week the Church also celebrates two Solemn Feasts: St Patrick (Wednesday 17th) and St Joseph (Friday 19th). They will be commemorated at the regular morning masses.

St Patrick lived in the fifth century and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, as a teenager he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. He eventually escaped and returned home. He would become a priest and call it God's sense of humour or the luck of the Irish, Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary. There he would become a great pastor to the Christian people. We in Melbourne Archdiocese thank God for St Patrick as the Faith he introduced to Ireland would provide many missionaries who would in turn help the Church in Australia.

St Joseph is, of course, the foster father of the Lord. Not a single word is placed on his lips in Sacred Scripture and yet he is one of the most important and central people in history. He's the one God chose to guard and provide for the Holy Family. Actions really do speak louder than words. Along with Our Lady, it's St Joseph who would first have taught the Lord Jesus the ways of life and later the family trade as a carpenter. As Jesus would have confided in him, let's do likewise.

St Joseph and St Patrick, Pray for us!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from second book of Chronicles*

(36: 14-16, 19-23)

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, "Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation." And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 136*

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to Ephesians*

(2: 4-10)

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son; that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

(3: 14- 21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God."



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the Catholic people of Corio & Lara Parish guided by the Spirit, participate in Christ's Mission.
With our gifts we create a parish that welcomes all people.*

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

As a community we pray for

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Judith Cummins, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Pat Yacques, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Gerry Hoogaerts, Rachael Ash, Irene Bingham

Anniversaries: Marie Schepers, Sabina Duffy

Recently Deceased: Maryanne Ryan

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: *Sacrament of Reconciliation.* Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

Please contact the Parish Office to have the names of any loved ones who are seriously ill, recently deceased or have coming anniversaries included in the bulletin.

2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS- If you have children attending non-Catholic schools, or know of anyone who does, who are eligible for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, please be advised that enrolments are now open. The children need to have been baptised and are in at least grade 3. Should you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.

Working with Children Checks: All Parish volunteers in the Archdiocese must have a current WWCC. The Parish Office will be updating our files and contacting volunteers to make sure checks are up to date. If anyone would like any assistance with updating their WWCC, please contact the Parish Office.

Coming Audit: The State Government's Commission for Children and Young People has informed the Archdiocese that it will begin its audit of child safety standards in parishes in May or June. We will be looking closely at our own practices and ensuring that we meet the standards over the next few weeks.

Car Raffles: Tickets will be sold from 14th March onwards, every weekend after the mass at Corio and Lara. There will be **more prizes** (20 instead of 14 prizes) which means there'll be more winners, plus an increased chance of winning for each ticket purchaser due to the reduced participating parishes, but we are down to one car instead of three. The 1st prize- Car worth over \$20,000; 2nd Prize Voucher- \$5000; 3rd Prize- Voucher \$ 2000; 4th – 6th Prize Voucher \$1000; 7th – 20th Voucher \$ 500.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Thank you to all who have been dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office. While these are unprecedented times, please prayerfully consider if you are able to keep your pledges and contributions. Online donations are also available at the following: **Account Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Account Number: 543292126.** Thank you.

Parish Thanksgiving: Please consider joining the Parish Thanksgiving Programme. To set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0342120791 or email fxcorio@iinet.net.au

Next Week's Roster:

DATE	MASS	READER/ COMMENTATOR	EUCARIST MINISTERS
20 MAR 2021	7pm CORIO	A Randall R Demicoli	M Delac K McCarthy
21 MAR 2021	9am LARA	A Pearson M Titford	L Kulic
	11.00am CORIO	Trudie Van der Hoeven Ninya Tancio	S Grootveld M Leszyk Tony Van der Hoeven

Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 | Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9 | Gospel: John 12: 20-30

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Parish Prayer

We, the people of Corio & Lara Catholic Parish give thanks and praise to God the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become more like Jesus: listening to the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist; sharing each other's lives and forgiving one another; respecting creation and taking responsibility for our world.

Like St Francis Xavier, may we offer light to those in darkness, and warmly welcome all people.

Like St Anthony of Padua, may we nourish the hungry with wise words and kind deeds.

St Francis Xavier, pray for us.

St Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

Amen

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